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By Nancy C. Carraval

THE UNITED Nations Children's Fund, Unicef, acknowledged yesterday Pasay City as a child friendly locality.

Unicef country representative, Nicholas Smith, made the announcement during the 3rd Forum of the City Children's Alliance of Mayor Nicolas Trinidad, mayor meeting held in the City to introduce.

Pasay City is one of the five cities and 28 provinces nationwide included in the UNICEF Country Program agreement between Unicef and the government in 1999.

In his speech, Smith expressed admiration for the commitment being being sought to protect children and his staff for child-friendly and welfare, especially in the past few years.

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# Tutors, studies want principal out



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Students of Lakewood High School in Iloilo join their teachers in seeking the ouster of their principal.

## Police arrest two suspects in Martinez slay

By Terry V. Guzman

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By Lige A. Ponce

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# The WORLD

## Top relief worker kidnapped in Iraq

**BAGHDAD**—Iraq suffered a fresh blow Wednesday as the foreign aid group CARE International halted its operations in the violence-ravaged country after the kidnapping of a top relief worker, while a car bomb blew up in Baghdad.

It is not yet known, meanwhile, if the kidnapping was linked with the violence in the north. The group's network in the north has been largely cut off by the military.

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who is doing their best but to help the country," Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki said.

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## Al-Zarqawi placed on UN sanctions list

**GENEVA**—The United Nations has placed the name of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi on its list of persons subject to UN sanctions.

The Security Council remains in monitoring sanctions against al-Zarqawi and al-Qaeda.

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## UN Security Council urges 78 nations to submit terror reports

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are being protected by a new  
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Manila, Philippines

**D**ESPITE having been in the area for almost 25 years now, Remy Tirona, a scuba diver and dive instructor, continues to be amazed at the rich marine life in the waters of Anilao and the Verde Passage in Mabini, Batangas.

But recent news on the sudden rise of illegal fishing activities in the area has disturbed Tirona and other conservationists like him.

He said the reported incidence of dynamite and cyanide fishing have destroyed a considerable part of coral reefs in the Anilao and Verde Passage.

Tirona, executive director of Conservation International (CI), has urged Anilao to save his village from the said illegal fishing

## ACTIVITY IN ANILAO.

"This is a spectacular place for scuba diving. It's the most beautiful dive city nearest Manila. And if you come to see and fishes and the corals, this is definitely the place for you," he said.

Tirona's attachment to the place grew as he used a scientific article prepared last month by American fish researcher Scott Carpenter and scientist Stefan Springer, which detailed the biodiversity of Verde Passage.

The two researchers said the area shared the richest Batangas Bay, Manila, Tagaytay and, Verde Island and the southern part of Luzon has been hit by more than 1,000 species found in waters around the world.

"This study identified part of Verde Passage, which is one of the world's most diverse, as the center of the global marine biodiversity," Tirona said.

After learning about the illegal fishing, Tirona immediately asked his friends from the Batangas Club of Marine Scientists to help safeguard the marine resources of Verde and the island municipality of Tagaytay south of Batangas.

## Meeting

With Tirona's assistance, officers of the Batangas Club met with Tagaytay Mayor Antonio Armas and members of the local Batangas Club last Sept. 21 in Mabini.

During the meeting, Armas raised his concern about the criminal activities of operators of small and large commercial fishing vessels that are engaged in destructive fishing.

Armas explained that his town, a 16th-century municipality, could not afford the expenses to patrol the entire municipal surrounding Tagaytay.

To end the incidence of illegal fishing in Mabini and Tagaytay involved after a marine conservation preservation project of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) in their area ended in July.

Armas also disclosed that the two towns that Batangas Club members had been using in patrolling the coastal island waters. The WWF used to fund the maintenance of the two boats, he said.

"This is where we thought our group could be of help," Ed Chong, Batangas Club of Marine Scientists president, said.

Chong said the group approved the project as part of its community extension.

The Batangas Club also helped an agreement with the local government of Tagaytay for the boat maintenance.

On Oct. 3, the club hosted the meeting in Morado de Guzman, head of the Batangas Club, to mark the signing of the signed records.

On Oct. 16, Batangas Club members went to Tagaytay and joined several seminars and local government officials where the boats go and are kept.

## Monitoring boats

The Batangas Club has also financed the setting up of around 20 monitoring boats in the area since 2006 to prevent the destruction of coral reefs.

Last year, the group put up fish shelters to propagate corals around the area.

In Guzman, who is also a town councilor, said the people of the town now a day in the area in the operations of the Batangas Club.

In the past, fishermen practicing dynamite fishing and other forms of destructive fishing had because they had no boats to use in raising their catches, he said.

Some operators also used other places in their crops so that they can watch them whenever the Batangas Club personnel were after them.

"They could easily send our message to their people and inform them that we were coming. This made our job even harder," he lamented.

He added that the manager P Ochoa, day of, knows that each of the Batangas Club boats has a camera that can monitor the catch they have in their jobs.

In Guzman blamed some local politicians who continued to tolerate illegal fishing. He said some managers often use middlemen of destructive fishing.

He said the residents had more in mind the ill effects of illegal fishing after non-government groups taught them in one-way boat fishing.

He, however, said the project was not that easy to sustain. He said they needed P20,000 to cover monthly expenses.

"We need help from other groups to keep the project going. We are now actively negotiating for a non-based agreement with Batangas Club from Japan and Taiwan. We could source funds from them and pay here to expand more on community service," he said.

Chong said they also intended to build an eco-plant where fishermen could put their catch in a pond, and to help distribute catches in restaurants and other livelihood activities to residents as part of their coastal resource management program.

For Tirona, the enhancement of species diversity here is the most important. Club members

Those who would like to help may visit the Batangas Club, 7th floor, Executive Building, Balcones corner Highway 100, Makati City or contact Tirona at 8107077 or 812 Outgoing of 8107077.

# Pinatubo house settlers told: Stay, but pay

**MARLBOROUGH** Pinatubo—Some 10,000 house settlers in 15 to 20 small settlements in the Pinatubo area north of Manila would have to start paying the government for their houses, Vice President Juvino D. Cojuangco said.

De Castro, the vice president chair of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council, clarified that those settlers, although not qualified as any of the government's programs, could not be evicted or receive their houses.

"They will be regulated, but they will have to pay," De Castro said during an upcoming Bayan Forum at the Malapalarang Parish Church in Marikina City. He said how much the "legal" settlers would have to pay. De Castro said the amount was "not small."

It said this approach was to be in line with the Arroyo administration's housing program for the "poorest among the poor."

**Tides**

De Castro allocated 1,300 land titles to legitimate settlers born before 1990 and 7,000 others to those born after 1990. He said the government had expected to distribute the titles.

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**PRAYER** The people pray inside the Pagsanjan temple in Pagsanjan, Laguna, for rain on the 15th day of the holy month of Ramadan. The town of Pagsanjan is one of the poorest in the Philippines.

# GMA wants Northrail to start Nov. 2

**MARLBOROUGH** Pagsanjan—President Macapagal-Arroyo wants the construction of the Northrail to start Nov. 2, Vice President Juvino D. Cojuangco said.

De Castro, vice president chair of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council, said that the agency had adopted an "in-house" approach to the construction of some 10,000 houses for the poor.

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## 2 C. Luzon flood control projects get P\$35m in funds

**THE DEPARTMENT** of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) has allocated P\$35 million for the rehabilitation of two flood control projects in Cebu.

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**VILLAGE CONVENTION** Officials of the village of Pagsanjan in Pagsanjan with Local Government Secretary Arroyo during the national convention of village officials in Pagsanjan. The officials discussed the possible reduction of the national revenue allocation (NRA).







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## Firm seeks 388% hike in North toll rates

By Carlos S. Santos

MINELA North Tollways Corp. yesterday said it would ask the Toll Regulatory Board in November to approve a 388-percent increase in the North Luzon Expressway toll fees since the Lopez-led consortium takes over the NLEX later this year or in early 2005.

MINEX president Jose "Ping" de Jesus and the consortium would ask that the TRB approve the new toll rates at the NLEX even if the Supplemental Toll Deed of Concession (SDOC) signed by MINEX and the government in 1998 allowed the new tollage operator to implement a gradual fee increase.

"MINEX is preparing to complete the new NLEX by December, or even months ahead of schedule. Once tolling operations are turned over to the group, then we would start charging the new rates that would be approved by the TRB," he said.

MINEX is a consortium among Lopez-owned PRC Philippine Infrastructure Development Corp., which owns 61 of the company's total-owned Philippine National Construction Corp. with 33 percent, French firm Igile with 13 percent, and Australian firm Langston Asia Ltd with 14.5 percent.

MINEX's Tollway Management Corp. will operate the NLEX for 20 years starting this summer, or early next year once the construction

phase shall have completed the upgrade and rehabilitation of the 49-kilometer highway running from Balabac to the San Jose Bypass in 2010. The group will turn over the highway to the government.

De Jesus said that once the TRB has approved the new toll rates, cars and jeeps at class 1 vehicles would have to pay P200 for the entire stretch, light trucks at class 2 vehicles would double from P100 and trucks or class 3 vehicles would be charged P400.

After a toll fee increase in July 2003, new charges P41 for cars and jeeps, P83 for light trucks and P125 for heavy trucks that pass the NLEX. MINEX's new rates would mean a 344-percent increase for class 1 and 2 vehicles and 15.9 percent for class 3 vehicles.

De Jesus claimed, however, that on average, class 1 vehicles travel only an average of 21 kilometers. "This means that the average tourist would pay only P75 when they use the NLEX. Only 7 out of 10 motorists would pay the full length," he noted, above 150,000 motorists use the NLEX daily.

MINEX's toll structure is composed of a flat P41 for class 1 vehicles from Balabac to Marikina and P2.49 per kilometer from there to the San Jose Bypass. The fee schedule is comprised of a base rate of P14 and P82 charges per km, which were adjusted depending on inflation and foreign exchange.

Based on the supplemental agreement, MINEX was also allowed to increase the toll by one percent each year from its inflation rate.



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## AmCham says RP competitiveness still sliding

By Ruffalo W. Domingo

AMCHAM studies showed that the country's competitiveness was sliding and that the current political and economic situation could mean investors to move to other countries, according to the American Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines.

Julio S. Pordes, chair of AmCham's legislative committee, yesterday presented the group's findings in addressing more foreign investment during the group's yearly general member assembly.

AmCham noted "the further erosion of Philippine competitiveness in several sectors."

- based on World Economic Outlook's and Heritage Fund's Index of Competitiveness, the country fell in 2004 rank to 20th from 19th in 2003.
- Transparency International said the country dropped to 70th out of 121 countries in 2003 from 60th in 2002.
- the World Competitiveness Yearbook, which covers 132 countries, showed that the country placed 76th in 2004 from 48th in 2001.

Pordes said the government should accelerate comprehensive reforms, particularly in transparency and business environment.

In brief, AmCham's updated study said the government should make better infrastructure, improve growth, speed up legal reform, remove the lack of people's skills in the English language, and improve security.

Citing a Gallup survey on the Philippine conducted this year, Pordes said corruption and an unstable government and political system continued to be the top concerns of investors.

Businessmen were also worried about the state of infrastructure, law and regulations, tax structure, new business incentives, local government, personal safety and law enforcement of goods

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Pordes said that while the influx of new foreign investment was increasing and that the government should make better infrastructure, improve growth, speed up legal reform, remove the lack of people's skills in the English language, and improve security.

Data from the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development showed that foreign direct investments in the Philippines grew at a relatively fast rate between 1999 and 2000—\$1.7 billion to \$1.1 billion—compared with those in neighboring countries in Southeast Asia.

According to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, net foreign direct investments declined from \$1.6 billion in 1999 to \$0.7 billion in 2000.

Pordes added that while ratings





# 8-month investments up 474% to P146.6B

By Bernard P. Domingo

TOTAL investments approved in the first eight months went up by 474 percent due to increased requests for infrastructure and manufacturing, the Department of Trade and Industry reported.

Investments from the ITC showed that the Board of Investments and the Philippine Economic Zone Authority approved from January to August projects valued at P146.6 billion.

During that period, the BOI gave the green light to projects worth P17.2 billion or an increase of 803.3 percent from P2.2 billion in the same months last year.

At the same time, EZA approved P28.4 billion worth of projects, an increase of 34.1 percent from P2.1 billion last year.

In August alone, total investments amounted to 50 percent or P1.8 billion from P1.37 billion in the same month last year.

The BOI approved P10.7 billion in investments, an increase of 311.3 percent from P2.6 billion in the same months last year.

EZA approved P16.3 billion in August, up 36.7 percent from the year-ago figure of

P12.5 million.

While investment in manufacturing and services made up only 24 percent of total approved projects in the first eight months, these sectors accounted for about 99 percent of the 47,600 jobs to be created by all projects registered during the period.

From January to August, total foreign investments reached P128.2 billion, a jump of 730 percent from P15.4 billion in the same period in 1993.

At the same time, local investments reached P15.4 billion, up 42 percent from P10.1 billion.

"Increased foreign capital inflows is a sign that foreign business confidence in the country is on the rise and we expect more offshore firms to make their investments in the country," Trade Secretary Cesar E. Pablosa said.

But he said that although foreign direct investment has increased, the amount was still far compared to those made in other South East Asian countries and in China and India.

"The government intends to correct this situation by making the country the preferred FDI destination," Pablosa said. "One way is through the rationalization of incentives."

## Power subsidy phaseout backed

GOVERNMENT of the country's manufacturing sector recently backed the plan to phase out the power subsidy in the power sector, saying such steps "are very important position signals to the international business community."

The opposition died in particular the intense division by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) phasing out the low-cost subsidy given by large industrial and commercial customers of the Manila Electric Co. (Meralco) to residential customers.

They said the subsidy phaseout "significantly lowers the capability of the country to compete for the rest of new investments." This is because the ERC must will correct distortions in the power rate structure which have been a major obstacle to new prospective investors, they added.

Jose Corp/Philippines Inc. president then said he welcomed the policy decision saying that "electric power is a major production input and a competitive power rate is a priority

consideration of prospective investors."

That has been in the Philippines since 1987 and currently operates a \$200-million assembly plant in the free zone, Laguna. The plant assembles vehicles for the Philippine market. It exports to Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore.

Edward Corrao, president of the American Manufacturers Association, said the removal of cross-subsidies "will be a big help in the manufacturing sector which is relying on the manufacturing incentives in the price of manufacturing inputs."

"This will improve our competitiveness against imports. Both legitimate and illegitimate," he pointed out.

David Chua, president of the Philippine Manufacturers Association (PMA), said the move to phase out the cross-subsidy phaseout "is a welcome relief." He said the decision "will make it easier for us to compete globally."

Chua expressed hope that the lower power cost "will breathe new life into the local steel industry."



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# Diesel, kerosene prices raised

NEW oil players Seawell Petroleum Corp., Eastern Petroleum Corp. and United Petroleum Philippines Inc. yesterday raised their diesel and kerosene prices by 35 centavos a liter, following the lead of their other competitors which raised prices Tuesday.

Oil refiners Petron Corp. and Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp. have not announced any price adjustment as of press time.

Shell raised prices of its liquefied petroleum gas by 50 centavos a kilogram last week. Total (Philippines) Corp. followed suit Tuesday.

The price hike was prompted by escalating prices of oil in the world market.

As of Oct. 19, the price of diesel based on the Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS) benchmark for refined petroleum products soared to \$57.56 a barrel from the September average of \$54.29 a barrel.

The price of MOPS-based unleaded gasoline likewise surged to \$54.73 a barrel from last month's average of only \$49.04 a barrel.

The benchmark Dubai crude, which oil refiners used in pricing their products, also continued to go up, climbing to an Oct. 1-19 average of \$37.68 a barrel from \$35.55 a barrel in September.

Even cooking gas was not spared from the world price escalation,

as its October contract price soared to \$401.50 per metric ton from the September price of \$383 per MT.

The continuing rise

in world oil prices is still being attributed to the strong demand in Europe and the United States, where winter months are just beginning.

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**SALTED** Bread of  
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Choosing what  
is best is much  
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a good wine

## Get to know your olive oil

Text by Virginia Rago Reyes  
Photos by Roger Corpuz

**O**LIVE oil has acquired a reputation for being good for people's health. With high levels of beneficial fatty acids and antioxidants (substances that fight the highly active and damaging free radicals), and low cholesterol, it is supposed to help prevent heart diseases, cancer and other ailments.

But not all olive oils are created equal, so how do you decide what kind to buy?

Valeria Amor, executive brandella vice president of the Italian Olive Oil Association, explains:

"Like fine wines, the taste, smell, color and consistency of olive oil may vary in different varieties, harvests and weather. The olive oils of some small producers are named and priced like fine vintage wines," explains Brandella, who was in town recently to

BY J. J.





Piri's Eels with Green Sauce



Piri's Eels with Green Sauce



GRILLED Portuguese Sausage

Best by Renato Hagege  
Photos by Tony Johnson

**C**ENTURES of cross-cultural exchanges have given Portuguese cuisine a broad spectrum of tastes and textures. What is offered at the Joazeiro Coffee Shop of the InterContinental Hotel is a collection of regional cultures, cooking styles and associations rather than a singular blend.

Imagine something as earthy and rustic as Piri's Eels with Green Sauce, a group of eels, prepared in the Joazeiro (the five brook variety) of Portuguese Athousville. Jose da Silva and his grandson, Chico, immediately thought of it.

He received a good sampling of the Portuguese cuisine's beautiful flavors under the guidance of guest chef Jose Miguel Marjano Cardoso, who moved from a couple of years in Miami to start his own restaurant in the Joazeiro. The hotel's special multi-course menu is a perfect blend of Portuguese cuisine and a more pie from northern Portugal. I had heard



BLOOD Sausage with Fried Potatoes

sausage (sardinha) is not with a slice of pineapple but the Portuguese sausage with fried potatoes because this is, after all, how we eat our sausage.

#### Ways with 'bacalhau'

Especially familiar to Filipinos is the dried cod of bacalhau (codfish) in Portugal. One restaurant with Good Friday, but we were told the Portuguese had over 365 recipes for bacalhau, more than one for each day of the year.

Imagine, the Portuguese were fishing for cod in Newfoundland's Grand Banks more than 500 years ago.

The Joazeiro Coffee Shop buffet offers, among others, chef Cardoso's Culinária do Gado (dried cod), Culinária do Gado (dried cod), Culinária do Gado (dried cod) and Culinária do Gado (dried cod).

#### Seashell medley

You haven't lived if you haven't lived the Complete, a dish that traces its origins to the early 18th century, created by the Andalusian who accepted Portugal for nearly 500 years, the dish is a medley of sea food—fish, shellfish, clams and sometimes chicken, depending on what is available at the time of the cook.

The dish derives its name from the sea, plant, a big medley of sea food—fish, shellfish, clams and sometimes chicken, depending on what is available at the time of the cook.

One dish that caught our eye and taste buds was the vegetable soup with corn, which not only has a vibrant taste but also was more nutritious. It seems a rather bad thing to eat and was served with a

more looking in people's doors using, 'No Portuguese is to eat.'

One kind and gave him a piece of heart, another person. When he finished, he had enough ingredients for a fire and hearty winter soup. So, when you go to the coffee shop, look out to see the soup with corn and any of the 20 desserts offered.

#### Pineapple

I had five different puddings that day and the only one, yes, who could resist a bit of pineapple (pineapple) (One would resist to some, according to Chico, but who should know). The flavors, smooth texture and taste that brought my good memories and I forgot about anything else.

Remember the desserts, you can taste the almonds, the oranges, the lemons and citrus, a reminder that Portuguese cuisine is a long time ago when Portuguese and Portuguese traded with each other.

To eat is to cherish the memory of a place, culture and way of life all combined in a special sensory experience. You can do just that with the Portuguese food but at the InterContinental Joazeiro Coffee Shop until Oct. 22.



MANGO Lassi Dairy-Free Cream

## An old favorite is back

ABC Mijael Corp. is reviving one of the most iconic and iconic brands in the Philippines, the Mango Lassi, after a five-year hiatus.

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**By Regina Beyer**  
Column Editor

**I**NSTEAD of loving-a-afraid, best of friends, romances Rustin & Villanueva do less closet to revive the tradition of making love/friends at the original Casanova. There they'd be a more intimate way.

If Villanueva and company had invited a big reunion to celebrate the re-launch of *Baywatch*, they would have been forced to create something like *Baywatch* ladies.

"The guests would have had to line up to get their food," says Williams. And that would have been the complete opposite of what he is now trying to express in the revised feature.

Four of the presenters have T-shirts made instead with our special invitations, each offering a free ride-down, lunch-or-treats or dinner for two. On the menu are Kasey's's exceptional Lobster de Lait, King Crab Snow in Shell, Scott Brown's Tiki Chicken Fried Wildcat, Malibu's fresh from Tiki Lake in Ranagay, Snelling's Bulet, Chickadee's Smoky, Glimmer's Tropicana, Strawberry Liqueur, Chateau Winchell's received from a handsome wife, among others.

"This way our guests can take a glimpse of the life of the people who lived here," says Villars, who adds that he wants to create the old glory of Barmston before retiring. "I want to do this one last time for my children."

To reinforce the Japanese penchant for finding and inventory-making, Ranzan has not only gathered together tried and successful recipes from various regions of the country, it has brought back the quality of service that has been the benchmark for traditional *Washoku* hospitality.

### What from the past

It was on the birthday of Villaroman's uncle, Tim Ebanat, back in 1977 that the idea of starting up a Filipino restaurant where people could eat with their batch five came up. The legendary agreement thus became one of the

original partners in the original Kamayan on those level, along with Villavieja.

Immediately, the place revealed the image of the native restaurant from a lively barbershop to a fine dining area where the advantage that exists to use and be used—eating with their hands is their tradition, politicians, movie stars, basketball players and foodies all come to be “handpicked” on plates, which were then displayed on the walls.

At the same time that it encouraged the tradition of unashamedly eating with one's hands, Kassarjian also brought back the sensitivity of non-bureaucratic functioning—a whole, golden crisp chicken is fully brought to the table with no apologies, instead heaping with lettuce, onion, prawns, all kinds of pulled fish, lamb or pork, all to be devoured with hands.

Kamayan brought both the gentility of our past, combining the culture of Shing and Wadon's implements with the vibrant harvest of our modern in a spring temperance of old Virgin brown. To complete the ambience, there was soft piano to rendelle Filipino soul. Kamayan stirred a wave of innovations.

Free Filipinos can say wally that they have not brought their savings or birthday gifts to Kutubayan. They say they think their friends would have had to tell the story of how they got by, when doing and taking their own-destined income, there was much to be said.

The dining (low table) was taken with the best, chicken and beef, but, eating was a pleasure, and like all of life's pleasures, was enjoyed with bare hands and with abandon.

Southwest on Phony Road to put up the Highway in what seemed to be an interminable amount of time kept driving away from Kinsman. Not the recovery infrastructure of the area, including the construction of a rail, first made people sit up and take notice again.

Villaverde may say now that they are just piling up Rattapen for sentimental reasons, but one suspects he has held on for other reasons. It is, after all, the same Commission and limits behind the oil you can see further success of the Triple V strategy of the company.

Dining roompan style is a tradition that has been handed down from generation to generation. And although it has been handed down for so long, it is still alive and well today.

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## LIFESTYLE

## Get to know your olive oil

FOODS BY JEFFREY M. SMITH

**"Good"** Presses olive oil. He was invited by the American Olive Oil Association, one of the leading importers and distributors of premium extra virgin olive oil in the country.

"There are mild, with strong taste and smell, some are spicy and others have a greater or more intense. No two olive oils are the same," stresses Brachelli, who has worked for the firm of Giorgio Armani, J. Armani Fragrances and King Juan Carlos of Spain.

Brachelli says the appreciation of olive oil does not mean, only the taste and smell. Olive oil has long been used in art as well as in cooking. It is a major step in understanding Mediterranean.

There's how you sell it, your olive oil is good or bad. A good olive oil is a combination of olive oil and a small glass. Cover the glass with one hand and shake it delicately with the other due to oil adheres to the inner inside surface.

• Lift the glass to your nose and sniff rapidly and deeply three times. Holding your nose up and down from the oil between each puff. Olive oil has aroma just like wine.

• Take a cup of a tablespoon of oil. Don't swallow. Roll it around the mouth evenly. The oil should reach all areas of the mouth so that the various tastes and sensations can be noted. Swallow it through the throat.

• After tasting one kind and before trying another, drink two cups of water and, if possible, eat a small piece of bread to cleanse your palate. No wine—just water.

Brachelli points out that only a few quality of best extra virgin olive oil would have an olive taste. High quality, extra virgin olive oil will have your mouth clean with an aftertaste. "To appreciate a peppery taste," says Brachelli.

Combining with olive oil is also the cooking with olive. It should be added to food to give more of olive oil than does not taste good to you. An olive oil blend with half, half olive oil and half olive.

## What to look for

There are three qualities to look for in your olive oil: taste, texture and pungency. Taste is the most important. Texture is the second. Pungency is the third. Taste is the most important. Texture is the second. Pungency is the third.

Signs of inferior brand are: astringent, "rancid" smell, and muddy texture and metallic taste. As olive oil becomes rancid over time because of oxidation, it's important to taste the date of extraction or use by date on the label when buying olive oil.

"Taste wine, olive oil is best within the year of its extraction," says Brachelli.



EXPERT Chef Giorgio Armani. "Taste wine, olive oil is best within the year of its extraction."



UNIQUE in Basil Pesto Sauce

A "winner" will develop when the olive oil is stored in glass that has a dark color. Sometimes, when a small bottle is opened, it's the olive has been in contact with air during processing.

After his presentation, Brachelli cooked some wonderful food for food lovers to enjoy olive oil of interest.

Brachelli whipped up three mixed olives, olive oil, and some cheese, black oil and garlic sauce (using Pesto, Garlic, Olive Oil, Seasoned Mustard and Basil) along with Olive Oil and Garlic Bread (using Olive Oil and Garlic Bread). He also served a small glass of olive oil (Pesto, Garlic, Olive Oil, Seasoned Mustard and Basil) along with Olive Oil and Garlic Bread (using Olive Oil and Garlic Bread). He also served a small glass of olive oil (Pesto, Garlic, Olive Oil, Seasoned Mustard and Basil) along with Olive Oil and Garlic Bread (using Olive Oil and Garlic Bread).

The next dish was the Chilled Seasoned Bread (Pesto, Mustard) with Chopped Meat, served with extra virgin olive oil for cream.

It was the author of the book "The Olive Oil Book" by J. Armani.



DRIZZLED Seasonal Olive Oil from "Mediterranean" with Chopped Meat, served with extra virgin olive oil for cream.



DRIZZLED Sea Bass Hot Carpaccio in a Colored Olive Pesto Sauce with Olive Oil

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800 g. sea bass, about 100 g.

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## Resto moves to new, bigger location



TRIO PASTA

Cafe Blachas has moved to a new and bigger location at 79 Bond Street, Suite 101, South Tyneside, Queens City.

The new site is just a stone's throw away from the historic street, where the restaurant was located for three years.

Among Cafe Blachas' most popular items are: chicken, lamb, beef, pork, and fish. The restaurant is also known for its three-year-old wine collection, which includes many of the best wines in the world. The restaurant is also known for its three-year-old wine collection, which includes many of the best wines in the world.

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